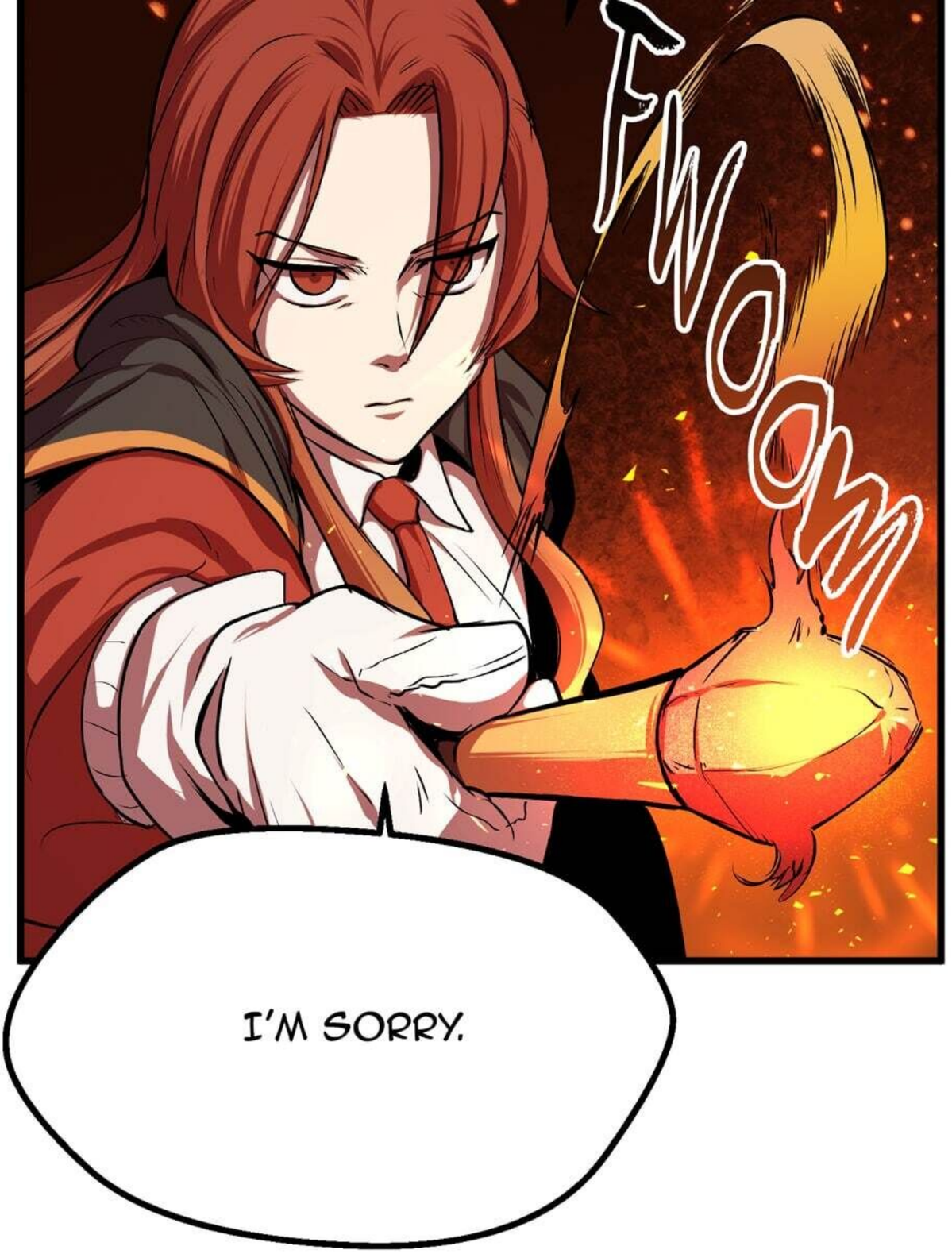
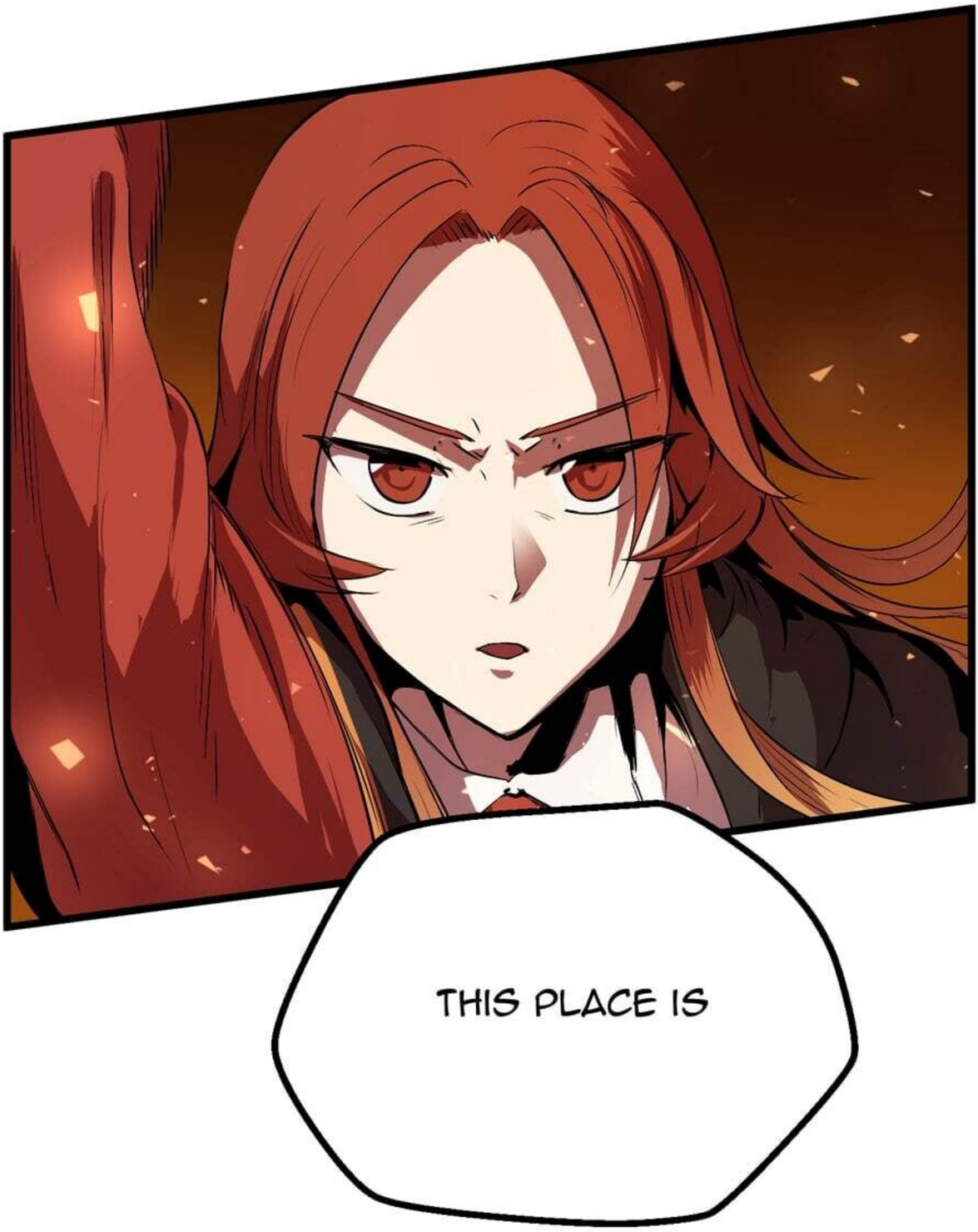
...ERIC...


Fwoom
I'M SORRY.

ARTIS...
TAKE
YOUR HAND
OFF YOUR WAND
RIGHT NO--
PAHNG


THIS PLACE IS

A LOT MORE DANGEROUS THAN I THOUGHT.

BAM!!

THUD
KUGH...!
KKAK!
TWITCH
TWITCH
WH-
WHAT THE HELL

DID YOU DO?!

I SHOT A MASS OF FIRE MANA INTO ITS LUNGS, BURNING THEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

IT'LL SUFFOCATE SOON.

WHY... DID YOU USE THIS METHOD?
IF THIS GUY YELLS, HIS PACK MIGHT ATTACK US.

YOU THOUGHT OF ALL THAT IN *A SPLIT SECOND?*

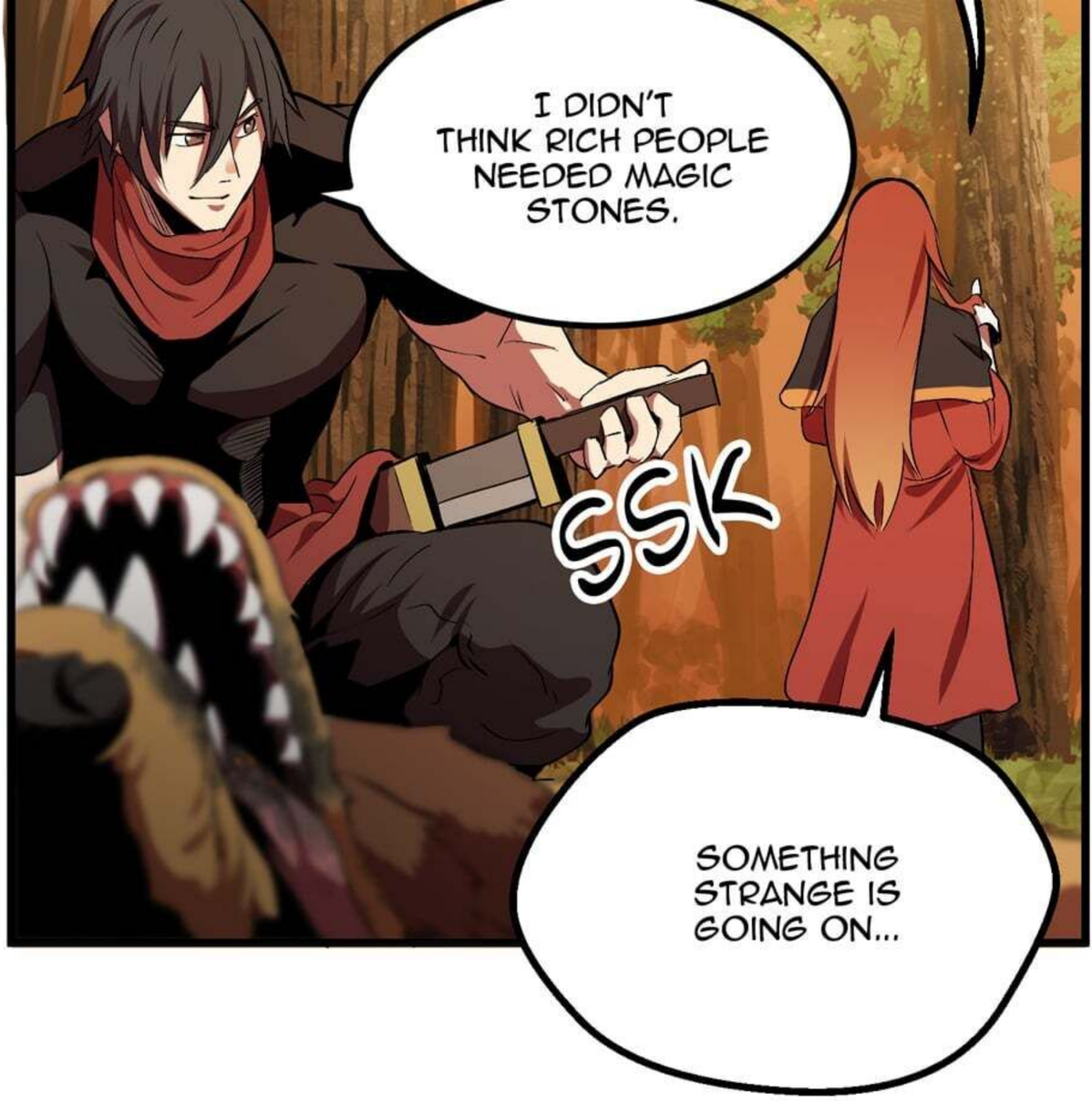
*COMPARED TO THE MAGE IN BUCKMAN'S PARTY, HE'S ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL...*

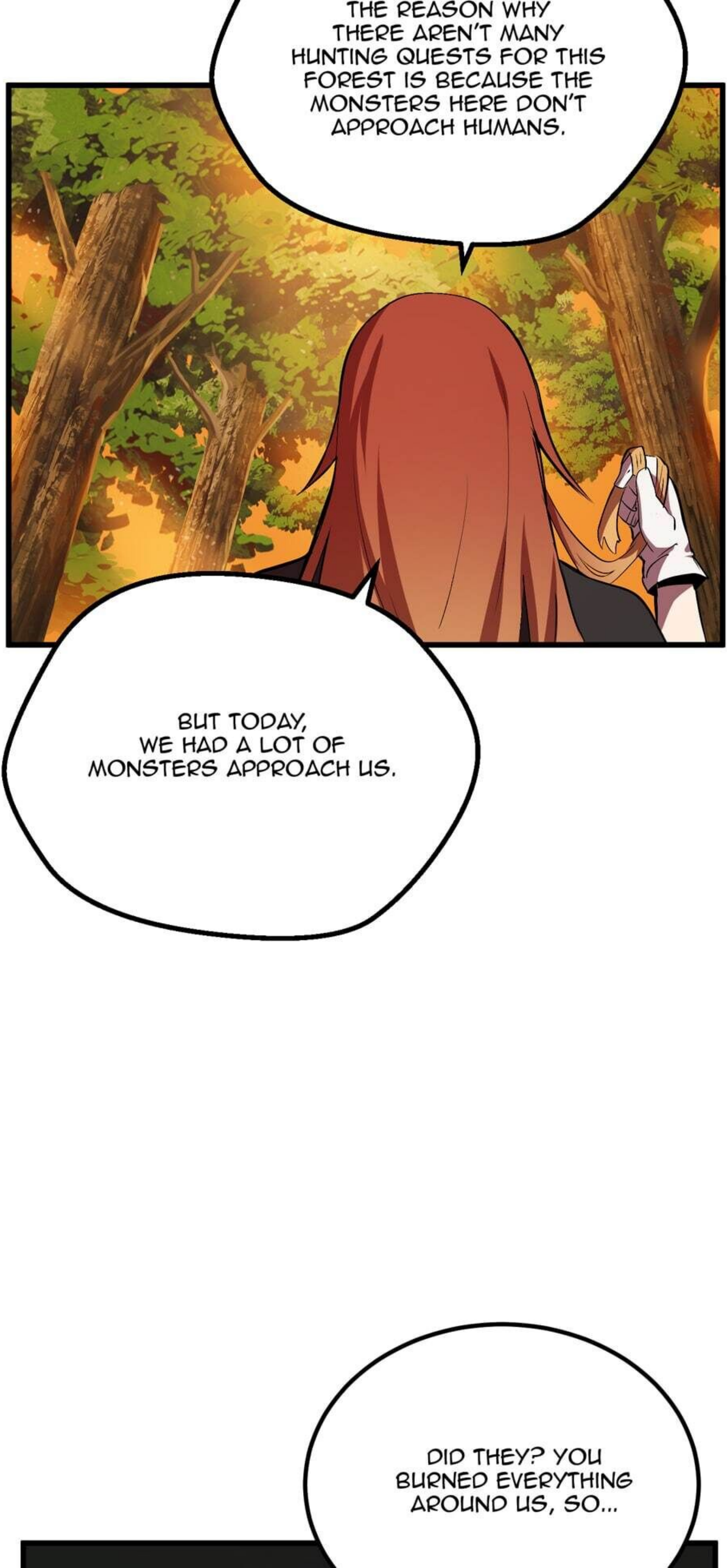
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A YOUNG NOBLEMAN WHO STAYED AT HOME RESEARCHING...

I'D BE HAPPY
IF YOU JOINED MY PARTY
BECAUSE OF THIS,

BUT I DON'T
THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO
TALK ABOUT THAT.

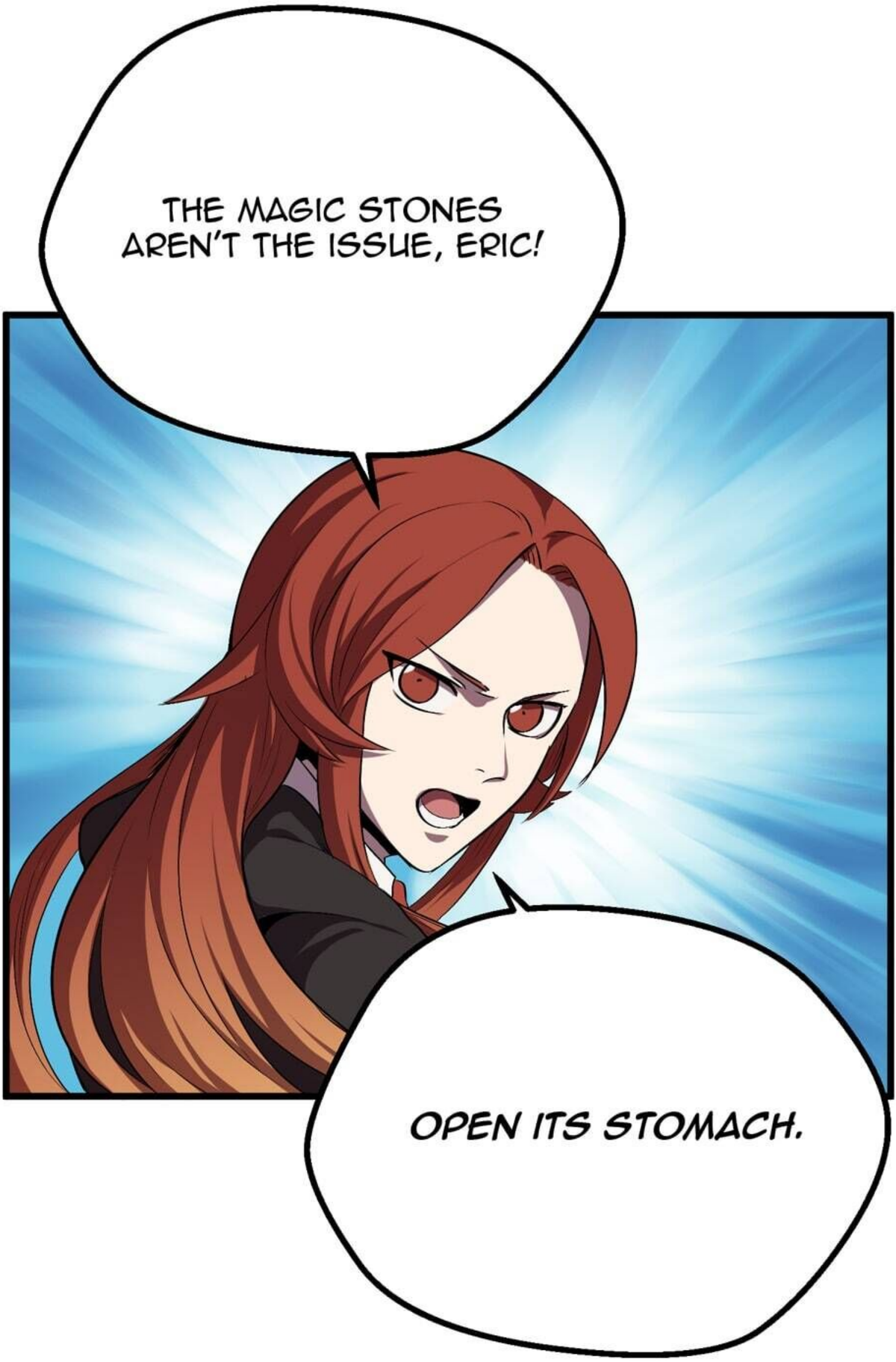
COULD YOU
CUT OPEN HIS STOMACH
WHILE I KEEP WATCH?

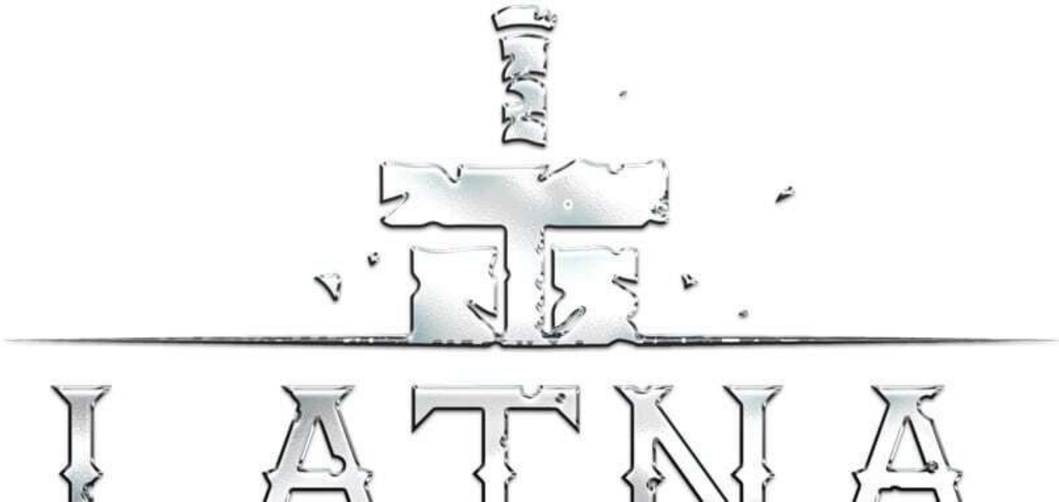

I DIDN'T THINK RICH PEOPLE NEEDED MAGIC STONES.
SSK
SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON...


THE REASON WHY THERE AREN'T MANY HUNTING QUESTS FOR THIS FOREST IS BECAUSE THE MONSTERS HERE DON'T APPROACH HUMANS.
BUT TODAY, WE HAD A LOT OF MONSTERS APPROACH US.
DID THEY? YOU BURNED EVERYTHING AROUND US, SO...

HUH?
NOW THAT I LOOK AT IT...

Species:
Kobold Lvl 21
A common monster found in dungeons.
ISN'T THIS A DUNGEON MONSTER?


THE MAGIC STONES AREN'T THE ISSUE, ERIC!
OPEN ITS STOMACH.


LATNA

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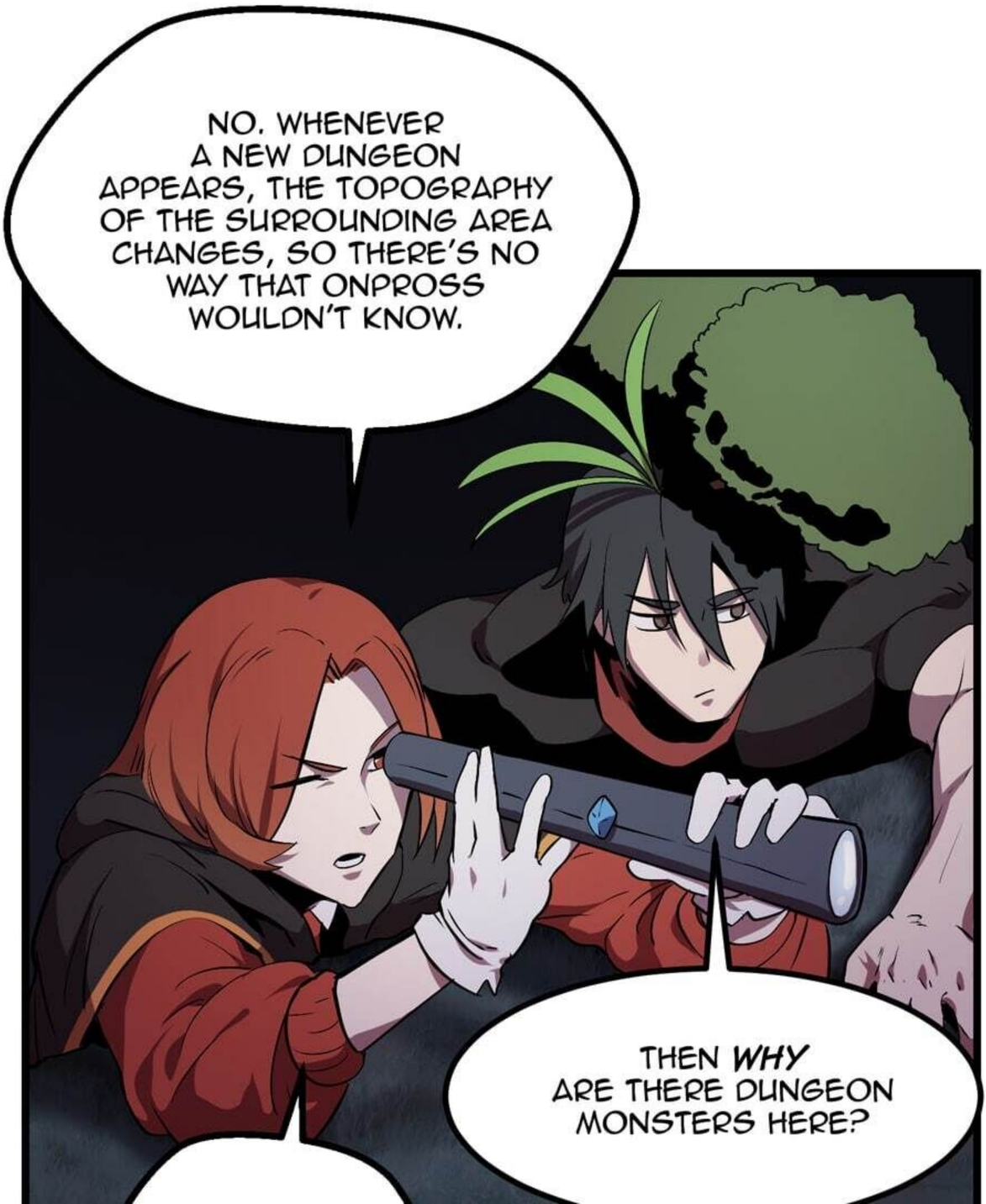
THERE ARE TWO KOBOLDS IN THAT WATCHTOWER.

AND THERE'S MORE OF THEM DOWN IN THE VILLAGE, BUT IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE HOW MANY.
I THINK THE FINGER WE FOUND IN THAT OTHER KOBOLD'S STOMACH PROBABLY CAME FROM A VILLAGER HERE...

ALSO, THE OTHER MONSTERS AROUND HERE HAVE FED OFF THE ABANDONED CORPSES, SO NOW THEY'VE STARTED TO HUNT HUMANS AS WELL.
DID A NEW DUNGEON APPEAR SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE?


NO. WHENEVER A NEW DUNGEON APPEARS, THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SURROUNDING AREA CHANGES, SO THERE'S NO WAY THAT ONPROSS WOULDN'T KNOW.
THEN *WHY* ARE THERE DUNGEON MONSTERS HERE?

THAT'S...

WELL, SINCE WE'VE CONFIRMED YOUR SUSPICIONS, LET'S GO BACK AND NOTIFY THE GUILD.

WAIT!

THERE'S SOMETHING NEAR THE VILLAGE WELL.

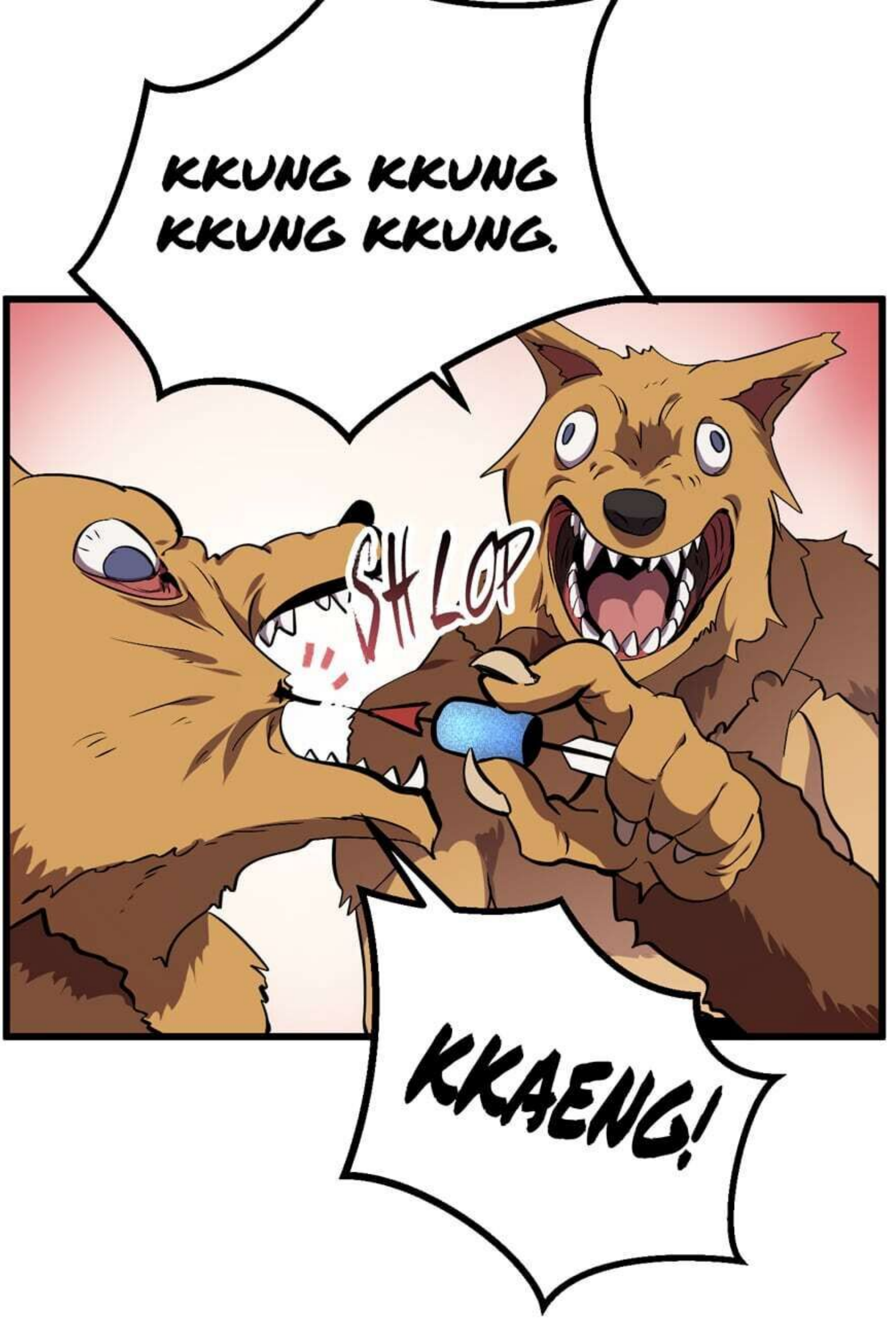
IT'S...

A SURVIVOR?!

LEAP
I HAVE TO GO SAVE HIM!!
HEY, HEY!

THINK ABOUT IT RATIONALLY!
HE MIGHT ALREADY BE... DEAD, RIGHT?

KKAE KAENG
PEW
KKUNG!


KKUNG KKUNG KKUNG KKUNG.
SHLOP
KKAENG!

CRACK

BOOM
THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD, BUT...

THEY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE, TOO.
WHAT THE HELL WAS *THAT?*
IT'S A DEVICE THAT SHOOTS MAGIC STONES THAT I'VE INFUSED WITH MANA.

KEEP YOURSELF HIDDEN HERE, WHILE I DEAL WITH THEM.
TAKA TAKA

HEY! ARTIS!

GRIT

THAT GUY...

Species:
Human Lvl 27
Dead
IS ALREADY DEAD...

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

PEW

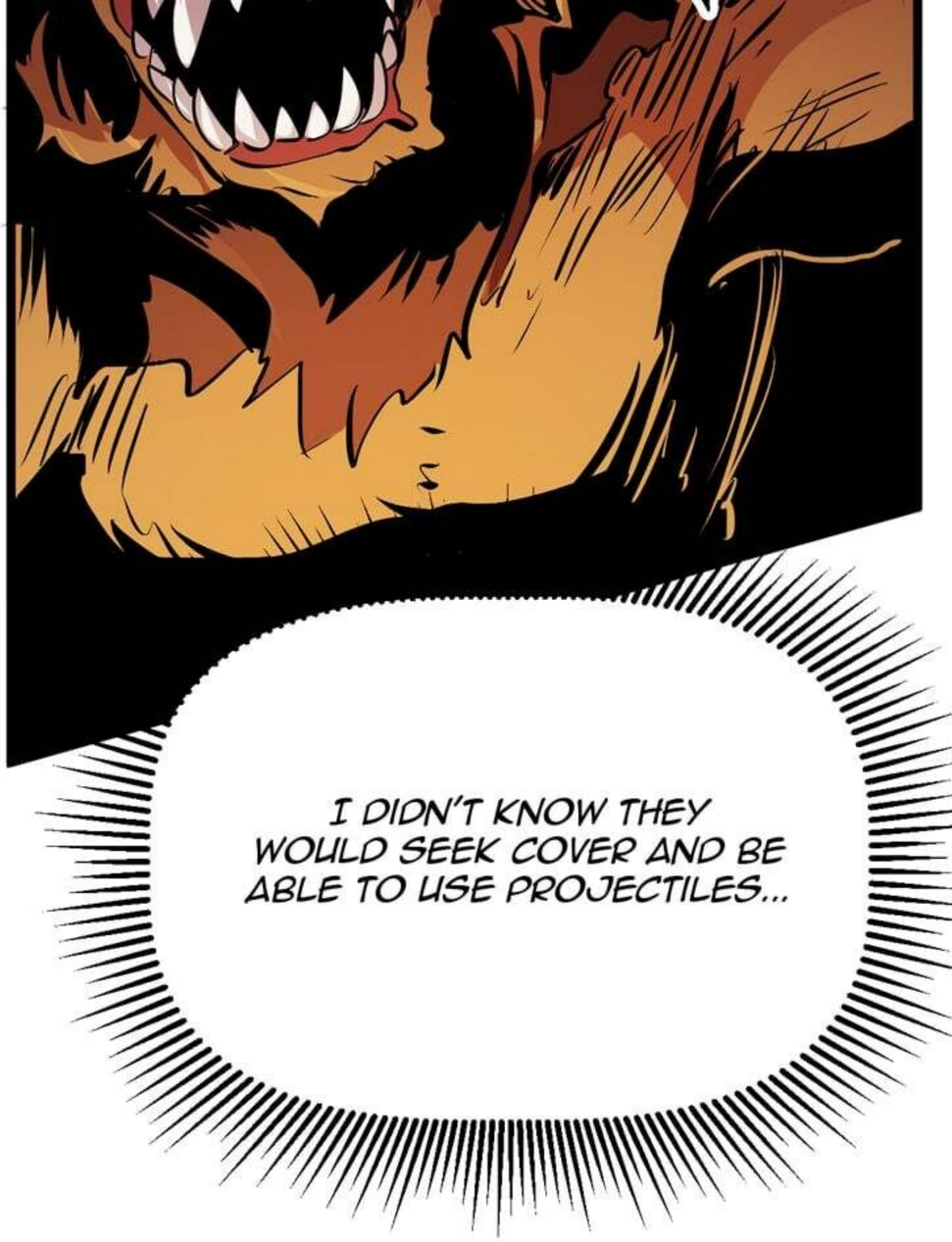
BOOM
FROM THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE, IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN OVER SIX MONTHS SINCE THE KOBOLDS HAVE TAKEN OVER THIS PLACE.

SO THAT GUY IS PROBABLY THE ONLY SURVIVOR.
PEW
PEW
SSk

CRACK

THEY'RE IN THE HOUSES TOO?!

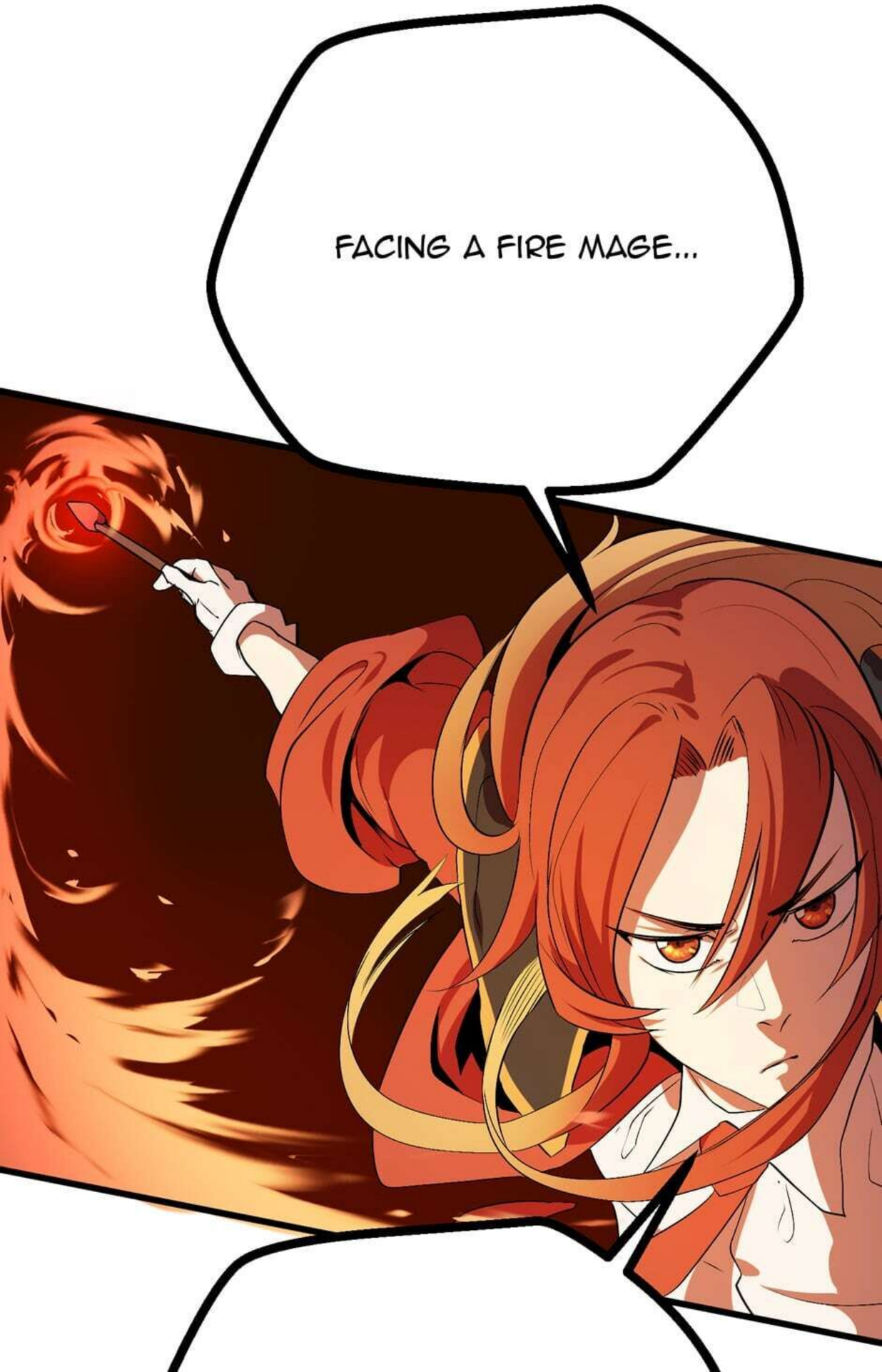
I HAD HEARD THEY WERE INTELLIGENT, BUT...


I DIDN'T KNOW THEY WOULD SEEK COVER AND BE ABLE TO USE PROJECTILES...

FWOO

Hsh

FWOOSH!

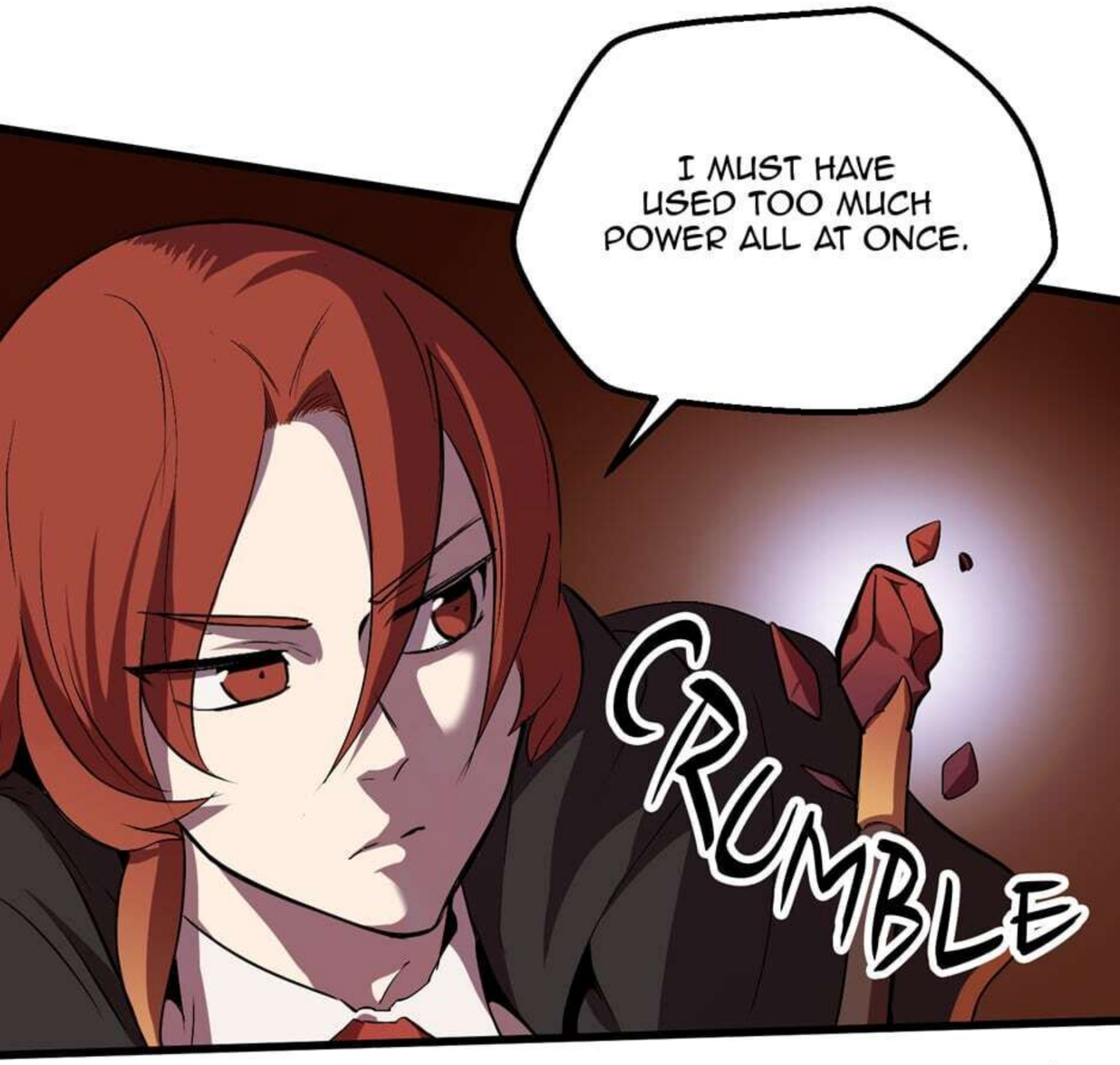

FACING A FIRE MAGE...

WHILE HIDING
INSIDE A BUILDING

IS NOT
VERY *SMART!*

BOOM
ぎゅん

TAT


I MUST HAVE USED TOO MUCH POWER ALL AT ONCE.
CRUMBLE

KRAAAAAAH!
PEW

CRACK
SWOOSH

CLUNK

KA

# BOOM

I SEE THAT BURNING THE MOUNTAIN WITH FIRE WAS NOTHING.

YOU WERE RIGHT, AFTER ALL.

THIS PERSON'S BEEN DEAD A LONG TIME...

THOSE SHITTY MONSTERS, STRINGING UP A GUY TO KILL HIM...

THIS WASN'T DONE BY THE MONSTERS... THIS GUY ***FROZE*** TO DEATH.

HE FROZE TO DEATH?

I'VE LIVED HERE FOR A YEAR AND IT'S NEVER BEEN COLD...

AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

THIS PERSON

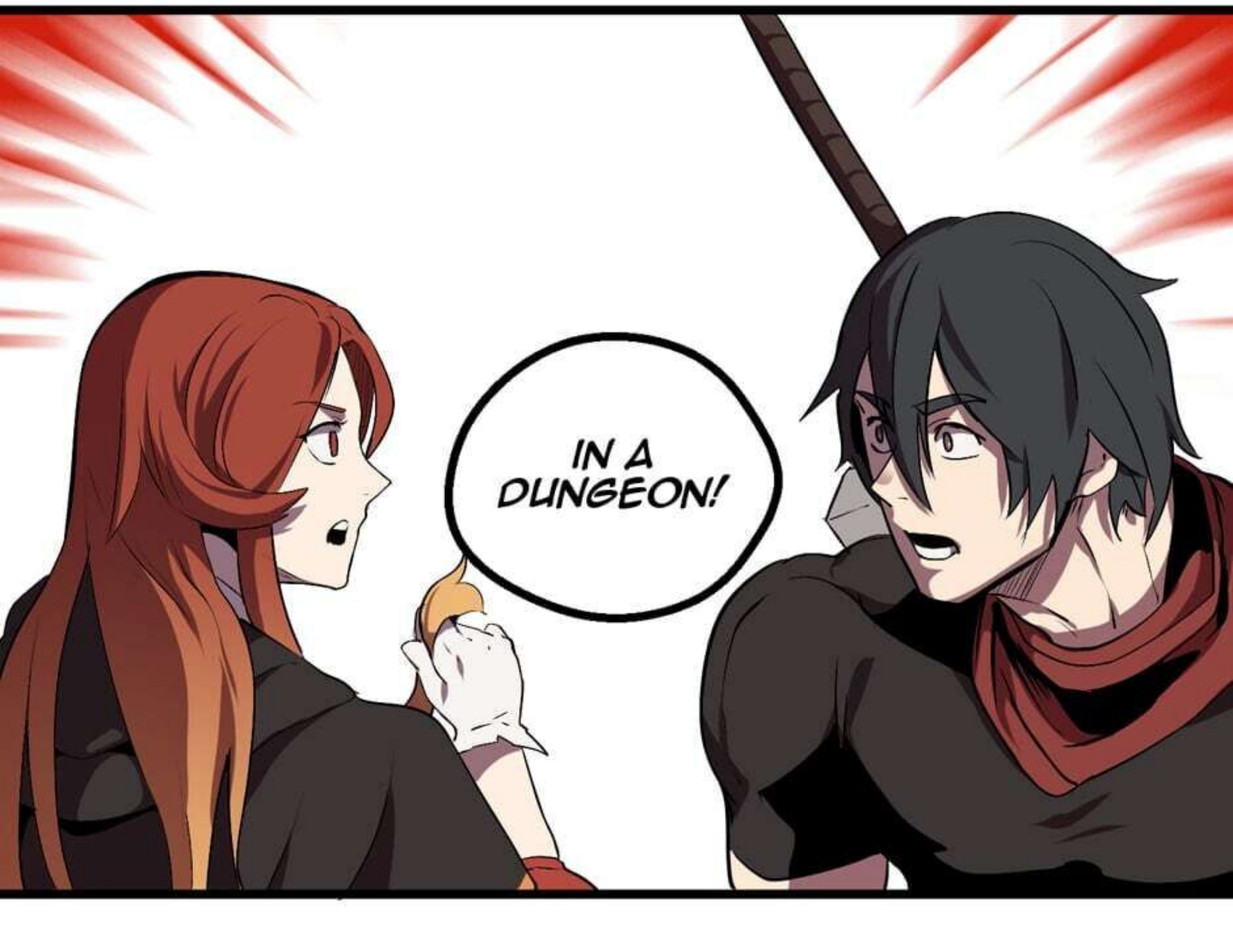
WAS A
LVL 27 HUNTER
FROM THE ONPROSS
HUNTER'S GUILD.

THIS PERSON TOO?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 'THIS PERSON TOO'?
THERE WERE A LOT OF HUNTER BADGES IN THE TRASH PILE OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE WAS A HUNTER...
BUT THERE ALSO WEREN'T THAT MANY QUESTS THAT BROUGHT HUNTERS OUT TO SAAT FOREST.
IF THIS MANY PEOPLE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED, THE GUILD WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT.
THESE PEOPLE MUST HAVE DISAPPEARED GRADUALLY.
THE ONLY PLACE WHERE IT ISN'T SUSPICIOUS

FOR HUNTERS TO DISAPPEAR INTO FROM TIME TO TIME IS...



THE DUNGEON ON THE EPEN PLAINS WAS CLOSED BY LOUDE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO, SO THE TIMING FITS.
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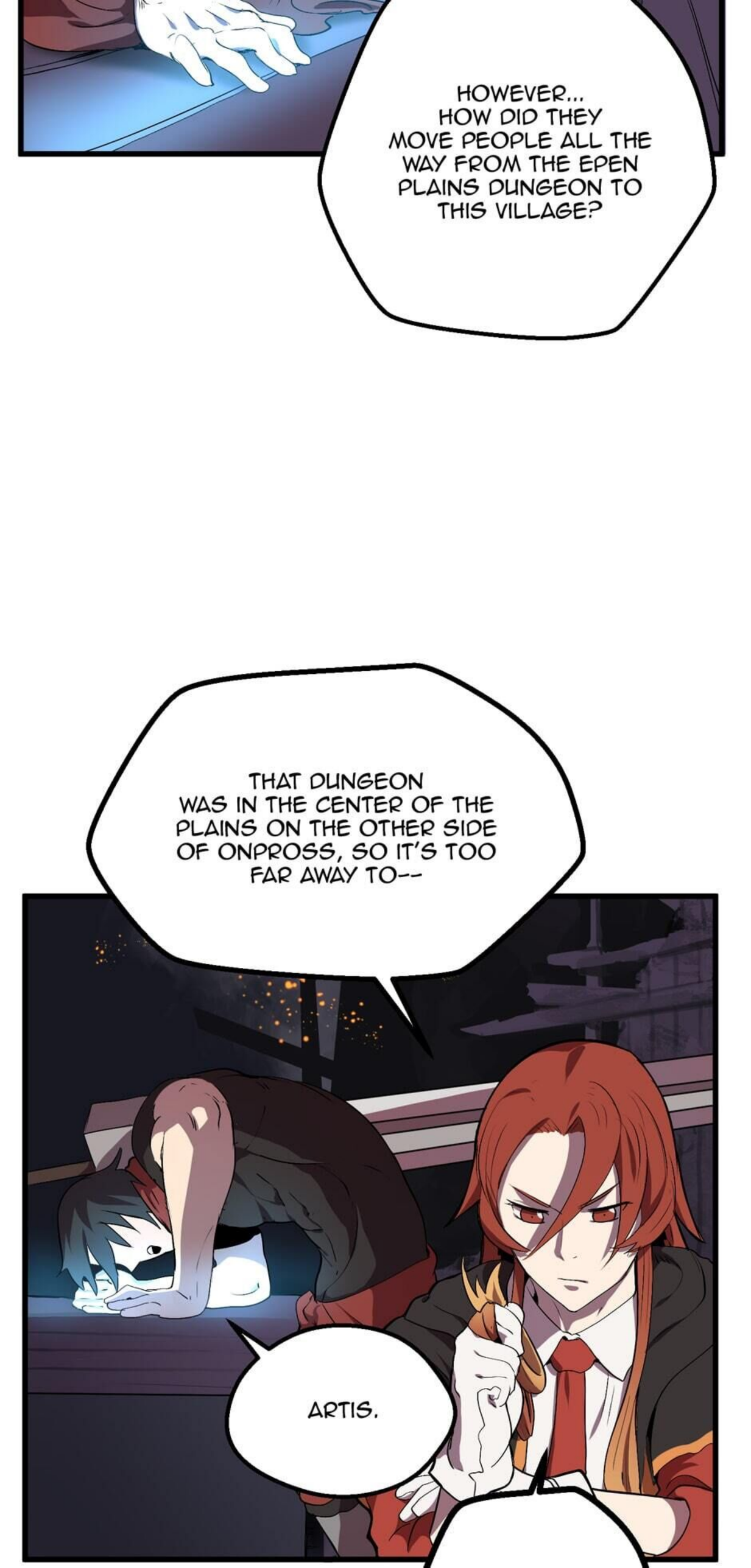
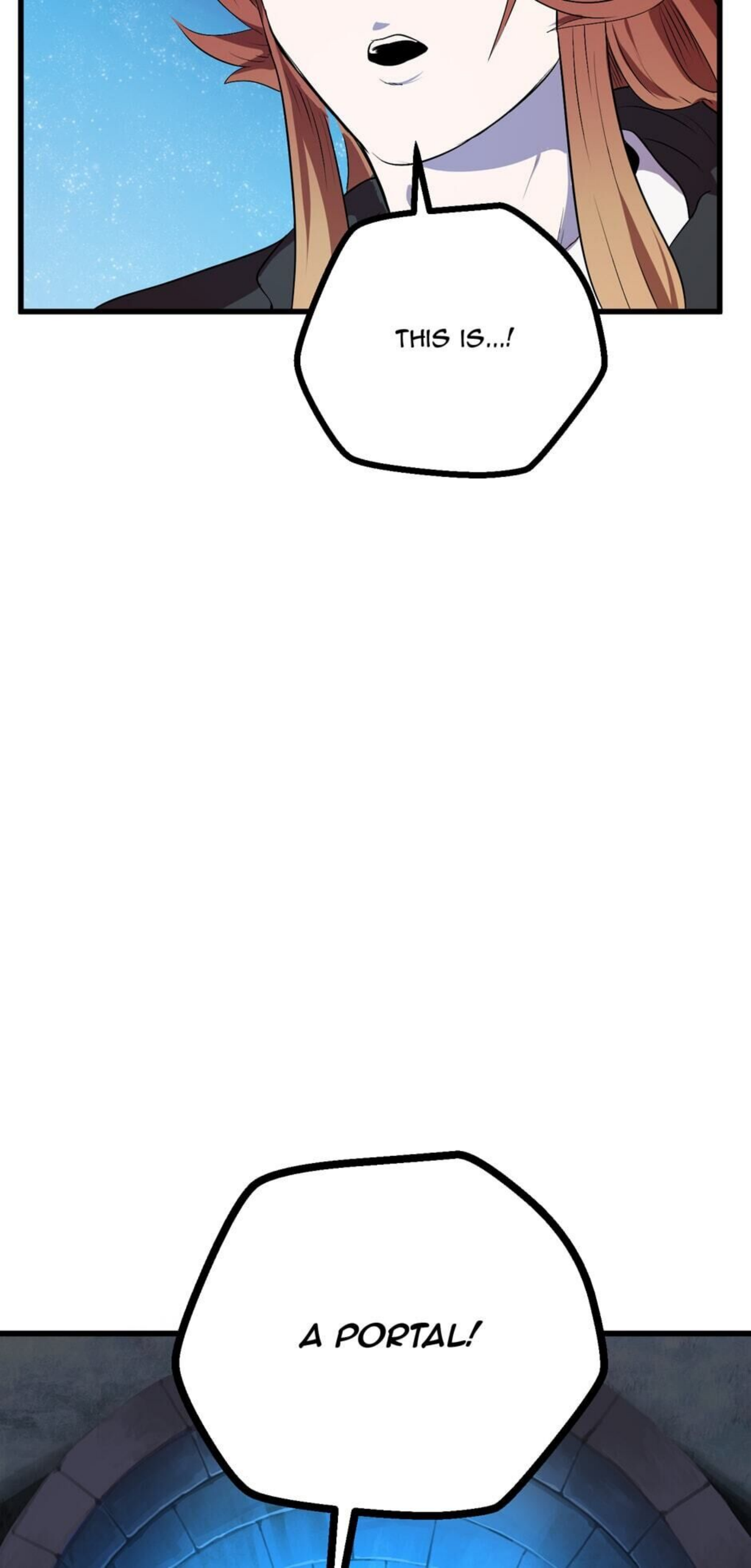

HOWEVER... HOW DID THEY MOVE PEOPLE ALL THE WAY FROM THE EPEN PLAINS DUNGEON TO THIS VILLAGE?
THAT DUNGEON WAS IN THE CENTER OF THE PLAINS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ONPROSS, SO IT'S TOO FAR AWAY TO--
ARTIS.

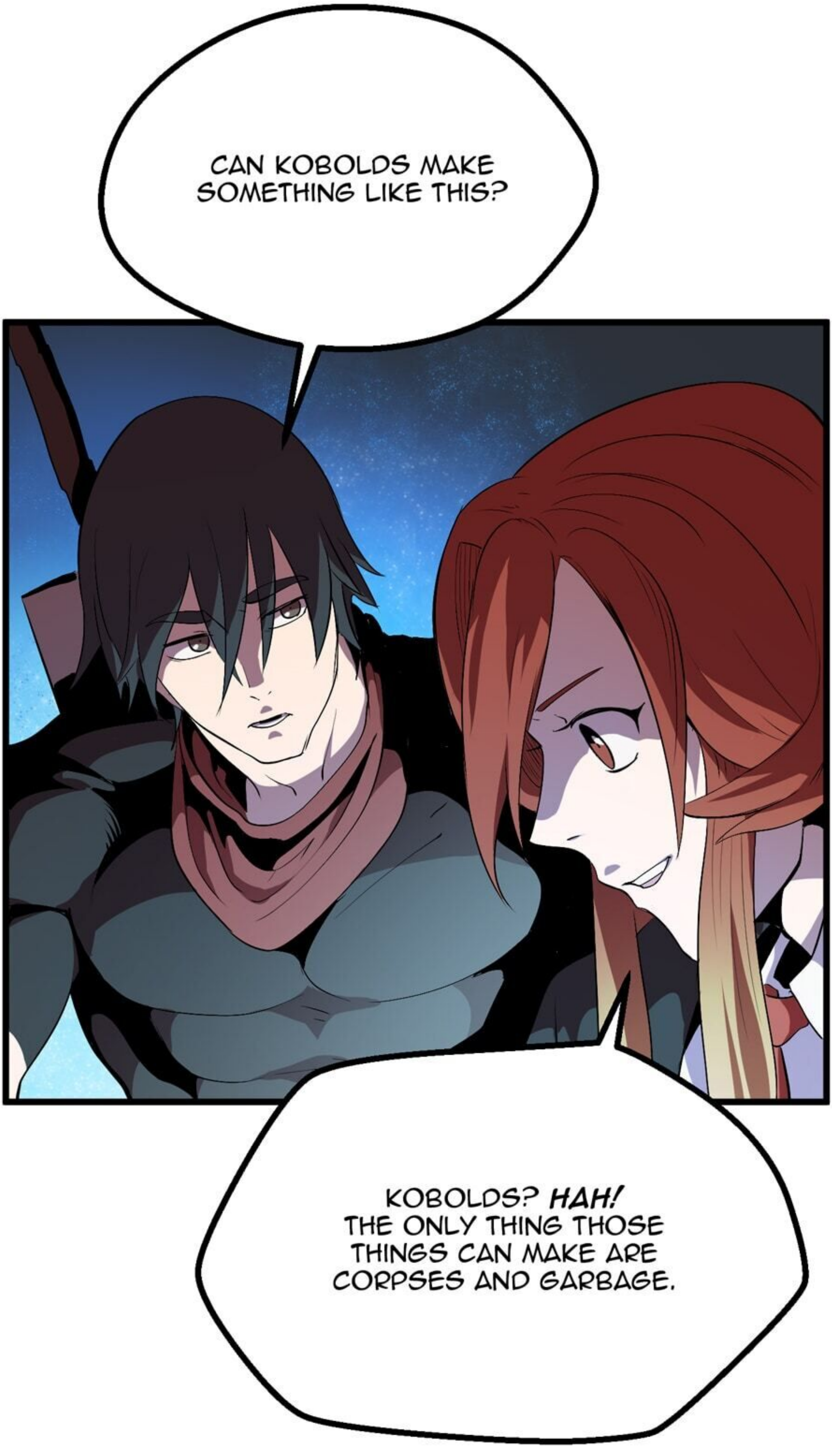
HM?

THEY COULD DO IT WITH *THIS*, RIGHT?

OONG


THIS IS...!
A PORTAL!

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S CLOSED RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS FLOATING ON TOP OF IT.


CAN KOBOLDS MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
KOBOLDS? HAH! THE ONLY THING THOSE THINGS CAN MAKE ARE CORPSES AND GARBAGE.

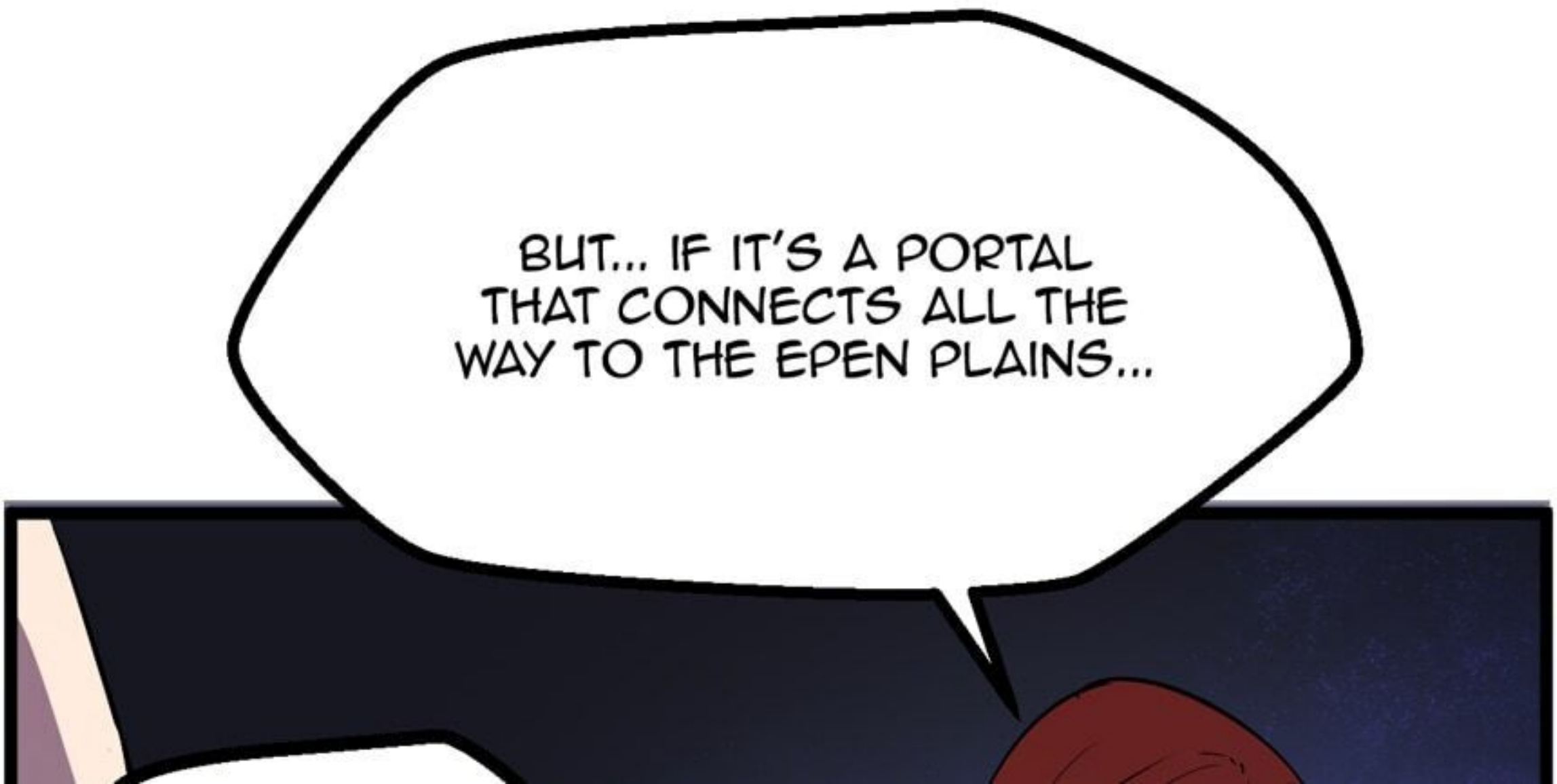
THEN...

HOW ABOUT TATIROS?

STOP JOKING AROUND.

A SHORT-RANGE PORTAL CAN ONLY BE MADE BY A MAGE WHO IS ***AT LEAST*** LEVEL 40 ***AND*** EXPERIENCED IN SPATIAL TRANSPORTATION MAGIC.

SHWOOO


BUT... IF IT'S A PORTAL THAT CONNECTS ALL THE WAY TO THE EPEN PLAINS...

HE'D HAVE TO BE LEVEL 60.
NO, MAYBE EVEN HIGHER...

WELL, THAT GIVES ME THE CREEPS...
HEY, BUT...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF WE END UP MEETING
SHAAAA
THE MAGE WHO MADE THAT PORTAL, AS AN ENEMY?

OBVIOUSLY, I WOULD--
FOOD

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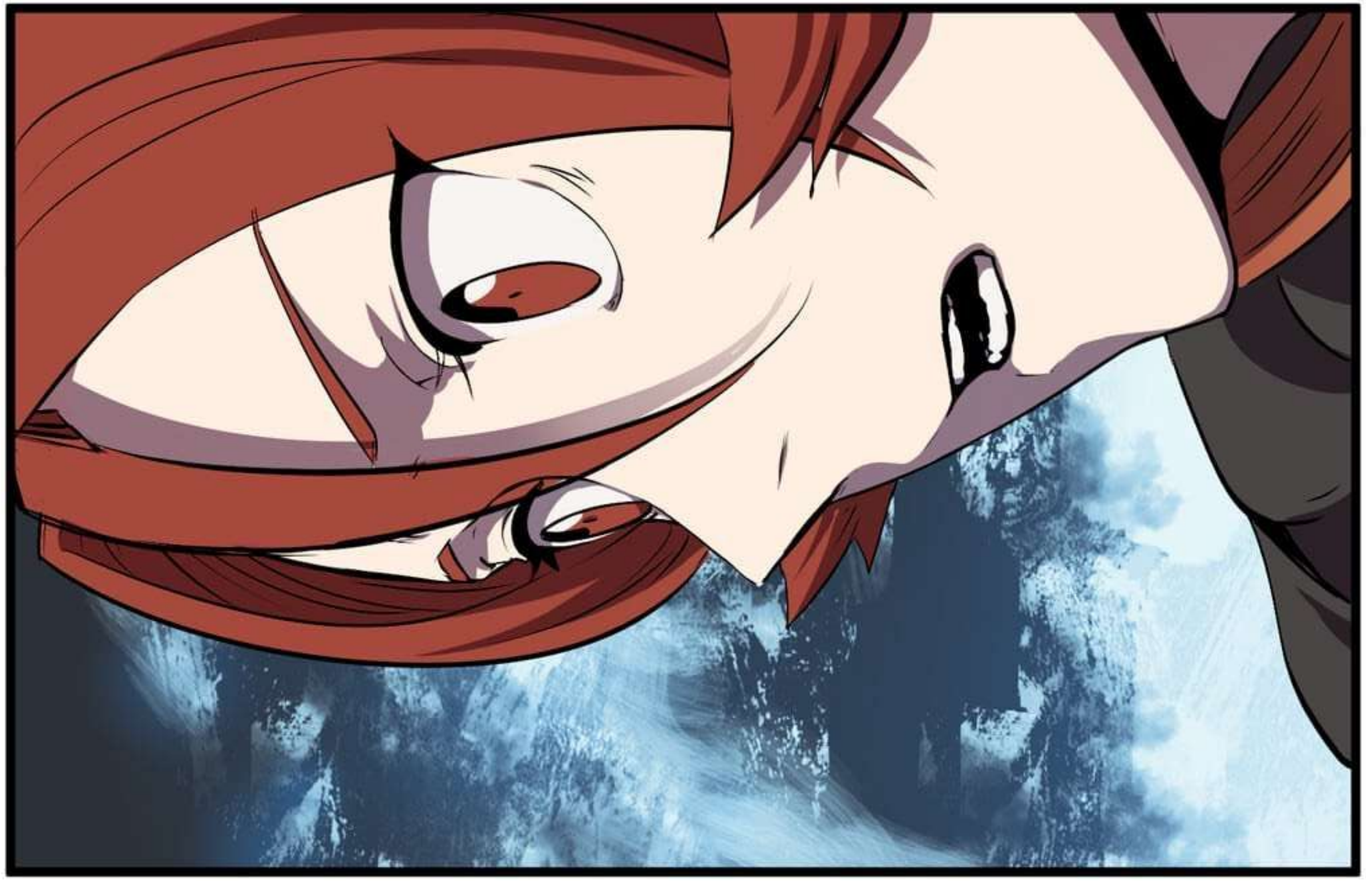

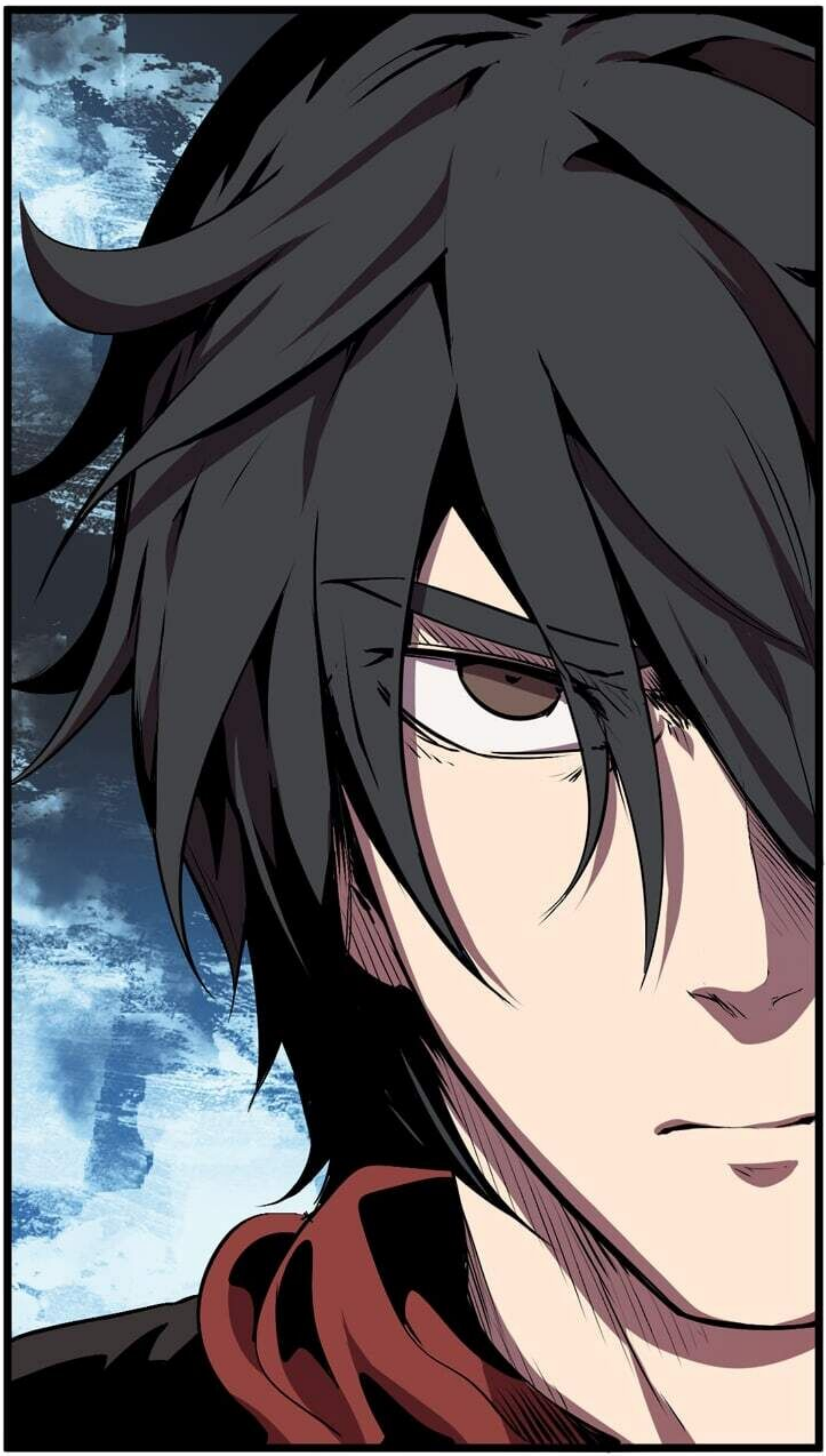

RED DOG

CULTURE HOUSE